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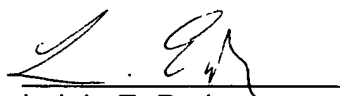
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German Patent Application Number DE 43 12 126 is in a foreign language, however applicants submit herewith a copy of the corresponding abstract from EPO on-line data base esp@cenet. Additionally, a concise explanation of the relevance of this reference is provided in the European Search Report dated April 9, 2001 enclosed herewith.

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Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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